

ever publicly defended or tried to normalize neo-Nazis or White Supremacists.

But the vast majority of American do not share the current President's view and reject the suggestion that there is a moral equivalence between those who advocate racial separation and white supremacy and those, like the Anti-Defamation League and the NAACP, who are unalterably opposed to that evil, racist ideology and are united in this prayer and promise: Never Again.

A TRIBUTE TO DONNA AND RON MARTIN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Donna and Ron Martin of Greenfield, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on October 28, 2017.

Donna and Ron's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but the best.

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY "DOTTIE" JEANETTE SHEA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Dorothy "Dottie" Jeanette Shea, an active member of our community and a devoted mother and grandmother who passed away at the age of 82.

A native of Hopland, California, Dottie graduated from Analy High School in Sebastopol and attended Santa Rosa Junior College. While working as a legal secretary in Santa Rosa, Dottie met her husband, local attorney John "Jack" Shea, in 1964.

Dottie cared deeply about Sonoma County and spent her life dedicated to community service. She was not only active in local politics, but she also hosted countless gatherings in her home to discuss local issues, charity efforts and community needs. From these diverse gatherings came many of the innovative ideas that helped Santa Rosa grow from a rural, agrarian community into the large city it is today.

Dottie was also an enthusiastic member of the Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival, which celebrates the start of the Salmon fishing season. And, she enjoyed sharing with her grandchildren and her community all things that Sonoma County had to offer.

Mr. Speaker, Dottie Shea was my friend, a loving mother, a proud native Californian and emblematic of community service. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her and extend our condolences to her family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, recovering from a medical procedure. Had I been present, I would have voted: No on roll call no. 47, on ordering the previous question to provide for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 695; No on roll call no. 48, on agreeing to the resolution (H. Res. 714) to provide for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 695; No on roll call no. 49, on the motion to concur in the Senate amendments with an amendment to H.R. 695; and Yea on roll call no. 50, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 4292.

HONORING MRS. HELEN SHIPP

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take some time today to honor one of my constituents, Mrs. Helen Shipp, for her dedicated service to the community of Orange County.

Mrs. Shipp passed away at the age of 82 on January 25, 2018, but her life and legacy will continue to vibrantly live on. Mrs. Shipp founded and organized Orange County's first Black History Parade and Cultural Faire in 1980. Mrs. Shipp dreamed of a gathering where the history, accomplishments, and culture of the African-American community would be remembered and celebrated. This quickly became Orange County's premier event for Black History Month, and Mrs. Shipp's dream was realized. Her commitment and diligence in organizing the Black History Parade has inspired many members of the community, within and outside Orange County.

Mrs. Shipp thought of the event as a gathering of old friends, where a community of neighbors and friends could better understand each other. This event also brought together many new friends. Mrs. Shipp's passion led to many prominent figures serving as grand marshals in the parade, and continually attracted crowds from diverse backgrounds. This year, the parade will be entering its 38th anniversary—this longevity is a testament to Mrs. Shipp's selfless dedication to the community.

Mrs. Shipp enjoyed a career of giving, from her parade organizing to her service working for the Head Start program, where she provided early-education for children from low-income families. Her life shows us the capability, within all members of the community, to create something that enriches the lives of their fellow Americans. Mrs. Shipp's legacy will be continued by her children, her neighbors, her friends, and all who are inspired by her life.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I would be honored to recognize and remember Mrs. Helen Shipp for her dedication to connecting and uniting people in the community. I thank her for her generosity and example. I extend my deepest condolences to her children, and the rest of her family. May God bless her soul and her family.

A TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JANET RILEY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Colonel Janet Riley. Colonel Riley retired from military service on January 27, 2018 after over 30 years in the U.S. Army Reserve.

She is retiring from her last duty station at Carlisle Barracks, PA, serving as an instructor for the U.S. Army War College. She has held numerous leadership positions from Supply Officer, Commander of Battalions, Chief of Staff, Brigade Commander and many more. She currently serves as the State Recovery Planner for Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management in Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Colonel Riley for this outstanding achievement, and for providing leadership so faithfully in our country's military. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Colonel Riley and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 2, 2018

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 714 (Roll Call No. 47), I would have voted no. Additionally, had I been present for the vote on H. Res. 714, the rule providing for the consideration of the House amendment to Senate amendment to H.R. 695, the Fiscal Year 2018 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (Roll Call No. 48), I would have voted no.

Had I been present for the vote on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an Amendment to H.R. 695, the Fiscal Year 2018 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (Roll Call No. 49), I would have voted no. I voted against a nearly identical defense appropriations bill in July—and all the same issues remain.

Finally, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 4292, the Financial Institution Living Will Improvement Act of 2017 (Roll Call No. 50), I would have voted aye.